

## **Basic Obedience**

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**Before you train anything you must train ATTENTION**

**With the dog next to you say the word "Watch" or "Look", once she looks say "Yes", release the dog, use a word like "Ok" and give her a treat.**

**Repeat 4 to 6 times and then stop until the next time. Do this for about a week, some dogs take longer but she should look at you when you say "Watch".**

**Keep the lesson short and happy, and she will learn even quicker.**

**With time it should become automatic for her to look at you without a command.**

**Now that your pup looks at you most of the time when you say "Watch" or "Look" is time to move to the next step.**

**Put your dog on a leash, bring your treats too and go outdoors if you have a backyard take her there, if not just right outside your door, and say "Watch" or "Look" once she looks say "Good", say "Ok" and give her a treat.**

**Repeat 4 to 6 times and then stop until the next time. Do this for about a week, some dogs take longer but she should look at you when you say "Watch".**

**As always keep the lesson short and happy, and she will learn even quicker. After your lesson take your pup inside and let her rest a bit, and then play with her.**

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**SIT is not difficult to teach, with the dog at your left side, hold a treat over your dog's head and say "SIT".**

**The treat will do the trick and the dog will sit quickly. Do not accept a slow motion sit. If he sits quickly treat. If the dog sits slowly say "no" and start again, no treat is given unless you get a fast sit. He will learn that a fast sit gets him his treat.**

**Once he sits mark his good sit with "Yes" release the dog (OK), and give him the treat.**

**Repeat six times then play with your dog.**

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**DOWN** is a tricky command to teach, but it could save your pups life. Have your pup sit, place food on your hand and move your hand down and into the pup's chest. Command Down. This should make the pup do a down. If he does not, do not treat until he does.

Once he downs mark his good down with "Yes" release the dog (OK), and give him the treat.

Once he has the command you can work on speed but work on down for about a week before you move on to a faster down.

Keep it short and happy.

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**RECALL** is important because if there is an emergency and you need to call your dog to you, it should become a habit to come to you when called.

Take a few treats, with dog on a leash, in a happy voice, say your dog's name and the command "Come", take a step back and when he comes say "Yes", release the dog (OK) and reward, Do this again for about 6 times, then play with your dog. Start increasing the distance between you and your dog every day slowly, there is no rush.

Practice this exercise with your dog on a leash in different locations, so he gets used to being called from anywhere. Eventually, and this takes time, you should be able to call the dog to you from anywhere in the house or your back yard and he should come to you lighting fast.

**Never ever call your dog to you when angry or to punish him, is not fair and it will result in the dog not coming to you and not trusting you.**

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Good Job now go play and enjoy your pup !!!